II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting, in an electronic product catalog system ~~(1)~~, a question to be presented to a user of the system ~~(1)~~ to assist identification of a suitable product from a set of potentially suitable products according to the user's needs, the question being selected from a group of questions stored in said system ~~(1)~~, which method comprises:

processing product data stored in said system ~~(1)~~;

defining features of products in said set and product scores associated with respective products in said set, and rule data stored in said system ~~(1)~~;

defining rules relating answers associated with said questions to product feature constraints, to calculate question scores (Q_s) for respective said questions such that the question score (Q_s) for each question is dependent on one of:

(a) <u>for each rule relating to any answer associated with that question,</u> the product scores of any products excluded from said set if said rule relating to an answer associated with that question is effective~~; and~~

(b) <u>for each rule relating to any answer associated with that question,</u> the product scores of any products retained in said set if said rule relating to an answer associated with that question is effective; ~~and~~

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